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**Remarks: General**

Claim 34 has been amended solely for the purpose of providing a preferred form as to the syntax and/or form of grammatical expression in the claim. This amendment is not related to patentability.

As Claims 1~24 have previously been cancelled, Claims 25~44 remain active in the application

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR §1.114 is enclosed, which includes a request for a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding action, the fees for which should be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

By Applicant's calculation, no fee is due by reason of this amendment to the claims. If any fee other than or in addition to those mentioned specifically above is required to authorize or obtain consideration of this response, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and further examination of the application in view of the reasons it has set forth below for allowance of the claims.

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**Remarks: Detailed Action**

In Item 2, the Examiner has rejected Claims 25~44 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,107,360 ("Kaneko").

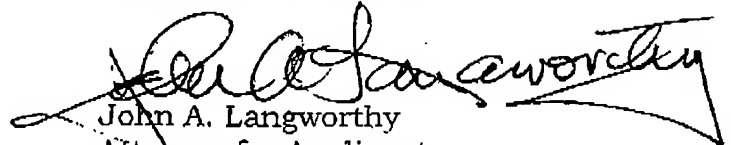
It is submitted that Kaneko does not teach or suggest use of the type of polymer(s) described in the pending claims to form a photoimageable protective layer because the polymers disclosed in Kaneko are used to prepare a hard, scratch resistant film (see the disclosure of Kaneko at 1/13~14, 4/24, 8/30 and 18/6~7). There is nothing contained in Kaneko to give the artisan any indication that the polymers disclosed therein would be a suitable choice for use to prepare a photoimageable layer because a photoimageable layer must be prepared from a material that may be readily dissolved after irradiation whereas Kaneko's use of the polymers disclosed therein to prepare a hard, scratch resistant film would indicate to the artisan that a film formed from those polymers would be difficult to dissolve and thus not a suitable choice for use to prepare a photoimageable layer.

In view of the above distinctions between Kaneko and the subject matter of Claims 25~44, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of those claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests entry of the above described amendments; and submits that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been properly traversed, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, request for which is hereby respectfully made.

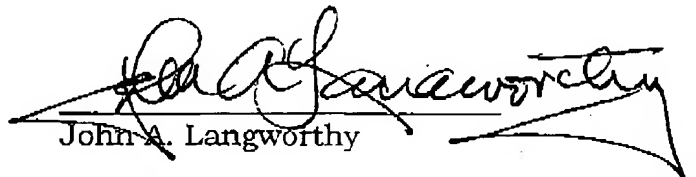
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